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June Relief 1 Per Cent below May and 91 Per Cent above June, 1931

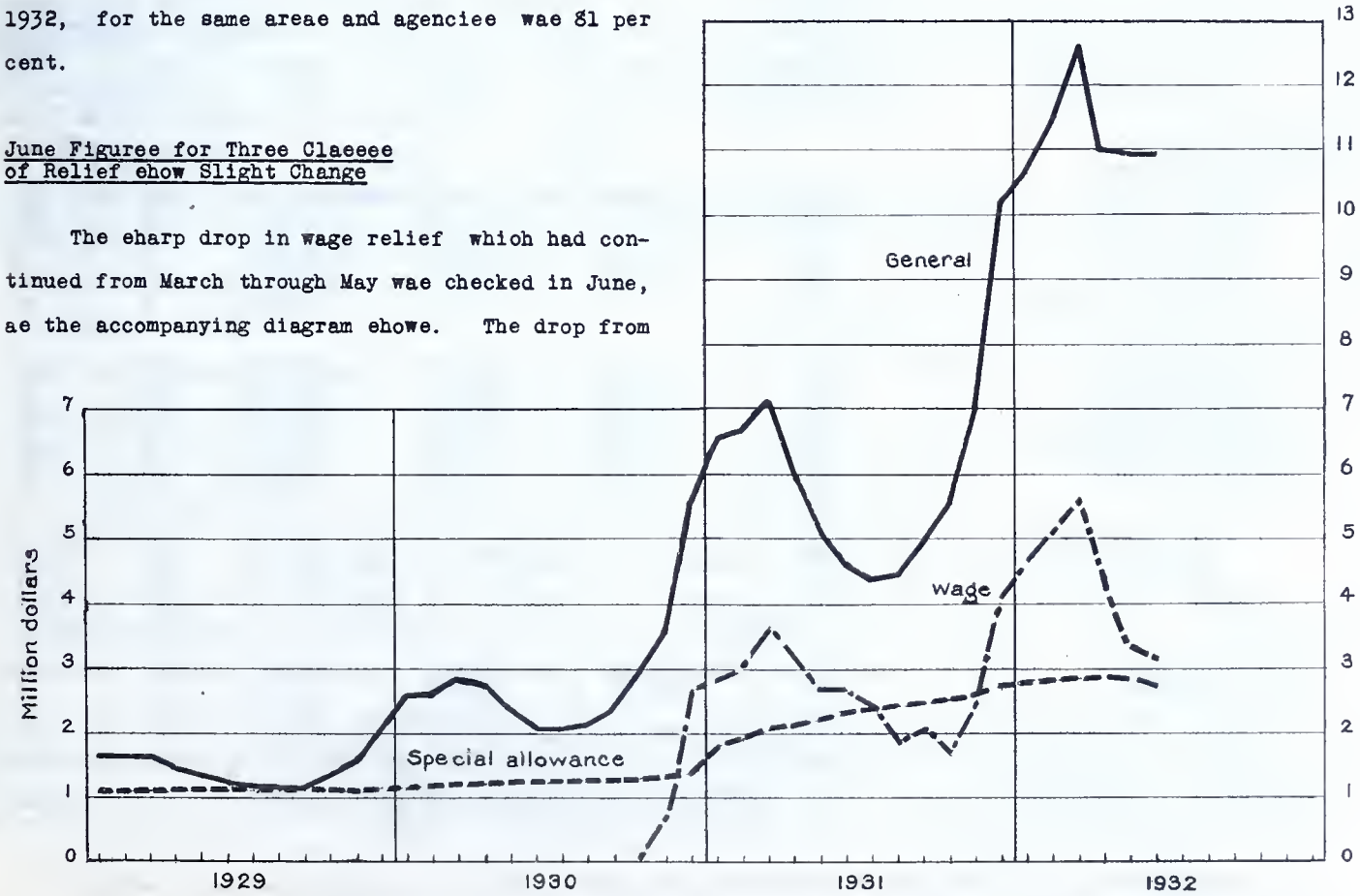
Relief expenditureе by public and private agenciee ehowed leee tendency toward decreaee in June than in the preceding monthe of April and May, according to reporte filed with the United Statee Children'e Bureau from 991 agencies in 126 citiee of 50,000 or more population. The June decreaee thie year wae aleo leee than the June reduotion in the expenditureе of the eame agenciee in 1931.

In June, 1932, the total expended for direct and work relief wae $22,960,285, a decrease of 1 per cent from the preceding month's total of $23,123,946. Laet year the June expenditure of $12,030,581 wae 6 per cent below the $12,777,227 expended during the preceding month.

Between June, 1931, and June, 1932, relief expenditures in the reporting citiee roee 91 per cent. The upward change from May, 1931, to May, 1932, for the same areae and agenciee wae 81 per cent.

June Figuree for Three Claeeee of Relief ehow Slight Change

The eharp drop in wage relief whioh had continued from March through May wae checked in June, ae the accompanying diagram ehowe. The drop from May to June in thie type of relief for the total group of agencies ehown in Table 1 wae only 4 per oent, ae compared with a decreaee of 15 per cent between April and May. General outright relief wae approximately the eame in May and June. Total amounte expended for epecial allowancee (mothere' aid, old-age relief, and aid for the blind) have recently ehown a elight tendency toward decline for the firet time during the period of over three yeare covered by the diagram. The decline in June wae caueed by a drop of 3 per cent in mothere' aid. Old-age aid and aid for the blind increaeed 6 per cent and 3 per cent, reepectively. The May bulletin oalled attention to the progreeeive decline in mothere' aid granted in certain citiee, a decline which had been indicated for eeveral monthe but which prior to June had not been sufficiently great to become apparent in the epecial-allowance curve.



Amount of Relief—247 General, 87 Special-Allowance, and 42 Wage-Relief Agencies—January, 1929, to June, 1932

Changes in Types of Outright Relief

The most significant changes in outright relief, other than special allowances, between May and June, were a drop of 18 per cent in Salvation Army expenditures and an increase of 9 per cent in relief administered by emergency committees. In June of this year compared with June of last year, general relief administered by public departments had increased 171 per cent; veterans' relief, 159 per cent; relief administered by nonsectarian family societies, 111 per cent; and relief administered by emergency committees, 492 per cent. Many family societies have been assuming responsibility for administering relief grants from the public treasury.

In June, 1931, general relief administered by public departments amounted to $3,738,008 and constituted about one-third of the total relief expenditures by the agencies included in Table 1. The amount of such relief in June, 1932, was $10,136,032, or nearly half of the month's total expenditures for all types of relief.

Changes in Number of Families Aided

The number of families aided during June was 2 per cent below the number aided during May, according to the reports of 747 agencies providing data for the two months on both families aided and amount of relief expended. (See Table 2.)

In June these agencies aided 793,169 families, and in May, 811,355. Their total expenditure for such relief was approximately unchanged in the two months--$16,573,203 in June and $16,627,630 in May.

The largest relative decreases occurred among families under the care of emergenoy-relief committees and the Salvation Army. Public relief to veterans and old-age relief reached a slightly larger number of oases. Most other types of relief showed a tendency toward a slight reduction in volume as measured by number of familied aided.

Table 1. - Amount of relief given in June, 1932, and comparison with June, 1931, and May, 1932
991 agenoies or divisions of departments in 126 cities of 50,000 or more population

Type of agency	Agencies or divisions of departments reporting	Amounts given			Per cent change from	
		June 1931	May 1932	June 1932	May, 1932 to June,1932	June,1931 to June,1932
Outright relief						
Public departments						
General relief 1/	124	$3,738,008	$10,102,515	$10,136,032	(2)	171
Veterans' relief	39	425,472	1,137,758	1,102,563	-3	159
Special-allowance groups						
Mothers' aid	98	1,825,437	2,040,700	1,977,109	-3	8
Old-age aid	34	903,853	1,263,813	1,343,150	6	49
Aid for the blind	47	147,178	163,573	167,813	3	14
Private agencies 3/						
Nonsectarian family societies	131	1,300,141	2,746,140	2,749,674	(2)	111
Jewish agencies	67	270,783	404,147	404,232	(2)	49
Catholic agencies	55	255,272	328,682	316,970	-4	24
Veterans' agencies	92	40,079	75,073	73,420	-2	83
Emergency committees	32	83,628	453,998	495,016	9	492
Salvation Army	91	175,235	164,109	134,104	-18	-23
Other	77	84,721	109,842	104,689	-5	24
Total, exclusive of special-allowances	708	$6,373,339	$15,522,264	$15,516,700	(2)	143
Total	867	$9,249,807	$18,990,350	$19,004,772	(2)	105
Wage relief						
Public departments	62	$2,152,004	$3,278,495	$3,123,640	-5	45
Private agencies	42	628,770	855,101	831,873	-3	32
Total	104	$2,780,774	$4,133,596	$3,955,513	-4	42
Total outright and wage relief reported by all agencies	991	$12,030,581	$23,123,946	$22,960,285	-1	91

1/ These figures may include some mothers' aid, some aid to the blind, and some veterans' relief.
2/ Percentage is less than one.
3/ In several cities private agencies are administering some public funds.

Table 2. - Number of families aided in June, 1932, and comparison with June, 1931, and May, 1932
747 agencies or divisions of departments in 125 cities of 50,000 or more population

Type of agency	Agencies or divisions of departments reporting	Families aided			Per cent change from	
		June 1931	May 1932	June 1932	May, 1932 to June, 1932	June, 1931 to June, 1932
Outright relief						
Public departments						
General relief 1/	82	131,672	430,040	423,113	-2	221
Veterans' relief	34	17,469	39,128	39,590	1	127
Special-allowance groups						
Mothers' aid	89	37,168	42,838	41,486	-3	12
Old-age aid	28	25,296	39,672	40,310	2	59
Aid for the blind	41	5,110	5,402	5,422	(2)	6
Private agencies 3/						
Nonsectarian family societies	110	67,963	167,700	165,646	-1	144
Jewish agencies	62	7,400	11,888	11,946	(2)	61
Catholic agencies	47	22,842	23,369	22,193	-5	-3
Veterans' agencies	82	2,997	5,364	5,306	-1	77
Emergency committees	18	454	11,849	8,121	-31	(4)
Salvation Army	87	28,828	24,916	21,384	-14	-26
Other	67	5,414	9,189	8,652	-6	60
Total, exclusive of special allowances	589	285,039	723,443	705,951	-2	148
Total	747	352,613	811,355	793,169	-2	125

1/ These figures may include some mothers' aid, some aid to the blind, and some veterans' relief.
2/ Percentage is less than one.
3/ In several cities private agencies are administering some public funds.
4/ Percentage not computed because not significant; many emergency agencies are unable to report on families aided.

Average Relief per Family per Month

For the group of agencies reporting both families aided and amounts of relief, the average grant per family was $20.89 in June in comparison with $20.49 in May, 1932, and $22.05 in June, 1931.

Detailed analysis of the figures shows that the lower average in June of this year as compared with June, 1931, was due mainly to the smaller proportion of relief given in the form of mothers' aid, old-age relief, and aid for the blind. Excluding these special allowances, the average relief grant per family increased from $18.01 in June, 1931, to $18.60 in May, 1932, and $19.06 in June, 1932.

Average grants for different types of relief varied widely. In June, 1932, the range was from $6.03 per family for the Salvation Army with its relief grants largely in the form of temporary aid for short periods, to $45.05 per family for mothers' aid with nearly all grants in the form of continued relief and for the full period of a month.

However, the average for a particular type of relief tended to remain relatively constant. For example, the average grant by the Salvation Army was $6.03 per family in June, 1931; $6.37 in May, 1932; and $6.03 in June, 1932. General relief administered by public departments averaged $20.58 per family in June, 1931; $20.23 in May, 1932; and $20.65 in June, 1932.

Larger Number of Cities with Complete Reports

Prompt forwarding of reports and the addition of certain agencies made possible the inclusion of the following cities, omitted from the table in the May bulletin, showing local changes in outright and wage relief: New Haven, The Oranges, Newark, Harrisburg, Canton, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Wichita, Winston-Salem, and Jacksonville.

Delayed or incomplete reports caused the exclusion in June of Lancaster, Norfolk, and Dallas, included in the city table in the May bulletin.

Certain agencies in the following cities forwarded reports of value in the other tabulations, but the lack of sufficiently complete information for important relief-giving agencies in these areas has made impossible their inclusion in the city ta-

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Table 3. - Amount of outright and wage rslief given in 99 oities in June, 1932, and comparison with June, 1931, and May, 1932

The oities inoluded in this table ars those for which reports ars believed to bs oomplete or substantially complete. Unreported emergenoy rslief in important amounts may have been given in some cities. Thsss figures are presented subjeot to revision.

City and geographical division	Agencies or divisions of departmsnts reporting	Amount of outright and wage relief			Per cent incrsase or deorease from		Amount of wags relief		
		June 1931	May 1932	June 1932	May, 1932 to Juns,1932	June,1931 to June,1932	June 1931	May 1932	June 1932
Nsw England									
Portland	6	(1)	$28,546	$25,635	-10	(1)	(1)	-	-
Boston	14	$613,474	1,179,247	1,178,405	(3)	92	-	-	-
Brookton	9	16,022	46,655	38,867	-17	143	-	-	-
Fall River	2/ 7	38,348	105,654	124,167	18	224	-	-	-
Lawrsnoe	8	(1)	69,354	83,051	20	(1)	(1)	-	-
Lowell	7	53,435	67,900	69,416	2	30	21,662	-	-
Lynn	10	52,662	90,922	87,986	-3	67	-	-	-
Malden	9	17,356	39,589	42,945	8	147	52	-	-
New Bedford	8	57,579	98,088	106,701	9	85	-	-	-
Newton	10	7,266	20,781	25,824	24	255	-	517	1,029
Springfield	14	76,661	166,782	166,785	(3)	118	-	-	-
Worcester	9	91,221	184,510	205,706	11	126	-	-	-
Providsnoe	10	77,310	157,904	167,346	6	116	35,014	75,566	74,875
Bridgsport 4/	10	49,081	137,903	130,248	6	165	15,868	73,140	66,782
Hartford	9	81,744	157,218	152,397	-3	86	-	33,103	25,064
New Britain	2/ 7	27,276	105,044	97,804	-7	259	-	-	-
New Haven	9	70,648	127,354	119,841	-6	70	40,000	78,218	67,576
Middle Atlantic									
Albany	12	34,152	47,252	41,992	-11	23	-	11,985	6,167
Buffalo	21	292,177	945,964	728,462	-23	149	-	275,211	71,771
New Rochells	8	4,364	24,497	31,645	29	625	-	10,587	13,871
Nsw York	28	3,310,528	6,182,249	6,196,980	(3)	87	1,284,525	2,139,596	2,176,081
Niagara Falls	10	33,162	114,670	88,333	-23	166	-	45,746	22,400
Rochestsr	10	240,369	318,198	308,160	-3	28	15,196	-	-
Syracuse	13	77,175	198,109	229,749	16	198	13	28,067	71,620
Utica	10	28,499	85,180	82,799	-3	191	-	24,594	17,754
Yonkers	10	34,655	168,739	145,044	-14	319	-	79,041	53,773
Ths Oranges	11	26,565	46,240	43,945	-5	65	-	-	-
Newark	8	171,738	205,090	187,135	-9	9	-	-	-
Allentown	3	24,667	41,615	40,880	-2	66	-	-	-
Bethlehem	5	42,658	18,062	20,747	15	-51	35,000	-	-
Chsster	2/ 10	9,965	45,184	51,187	13	414	-	-	-
Erie	7	27,637	60,015	57,189	-5	107	-	-	-
Harrisburg	6	13,551	34,416	46,208	34	241	-	3,722	2,771
Philadelphia	2/ 12	223,296	1,095,808	1,003,872	-8	350	-	-	-
Pittsburgh	11	324,307	652,881	635,471	-3	96	189,809	129,000	75,300
Scranton	5	27,398	55,515	55,687	(3)	103	-	-	-
Wilkes-Barrs	5	37,380	108,975	93,655	-14	151	-	-	-
East North Central									
Akron	10	25,650	56,578	61,894	9	141	-	-	-
Canton	4	26,052	50,416	49,545	-2	90	-	-	-
Cincinnati 4/	13	137,413	267,521	332,383	24	142	29,410	72,281	123,425
Clevsland	9	295,382	473,257	481,017	2	63	12,252	-	-
Columbus	15	48,781	131,253	154,711	18	217	-	64,550	90,751
Dayton	11	34,908	73,513	74,021	1	112	8,293	12,568	14,424
Tolsdo	5	69,946	100,539	90,730	-10	30	-	-	-
Evansvills	4	18,037	36,578	47,880	31	165	-	2,977	3,910
Fort Wayns	10	14,696	35,302	34,004	-4	131	1,541	-	-
Indianapolis	9	(1)	106,766	91,130	-15	(1)	387	372	354
South Bend	6	21,699	33,433	35,775	7	65	-	-	-
				14,916	8	130	-	-	-

Evanston	4	4,927	2,185	2,930	3	188	-	-	-
Springfield, Ill. 4/	6	7,849	14,966	15,660	5	100	-	-	-
Detroit	17	983,134	865,925	721,906	-17	-27	-	359,024	32,334
Flint	5	30,753	70,522	92,945	32	202	-	-	-
Grand Rapids	7	65,031	100,385	104,699	4	61	44,081	(5)	(5)
Pontiac	6	9,525	84,419	64,156	-24	574	-	-	-
Saginaw	4	34,094	37,957	34,997	-8	3	-	-	-
Kenosha	8	38,082	75,033	53,483	-29	40	-	-	-
Milwaukee	10	253,708	673,089	671,021	(3)	164	46,263	34,243	10,124
Racine	8	40,529	74,662	73,065	-2	80	6,790	2,271	2,681
West North Central									
Minneapolis	11	72,182	228,726	193,367	-15	168	-	6/ 15,139	6/ 4,063
St. Paul	2/ 11	33,369	92,308	86,986	-6	161	-	-	-
Sioux City	10	6,152	17,977	20,174	12	228	-	-	-
Kansas City, Mo.	11	72,566	275,295	265,449	-4	266	38,879	203,390	198,769
St. Louis	12	86,779	259,298	219,376	-15	153	-	-	-
Omaha 4/	10	15,708	18,913	18,625	-2	19	-	-	-
Wichita	6	7,828	14,840	15,752	6	101	-	-	-
South Atlantic									
Wilmington	11	17,744	107,362	97,320	-9	448	331	61,343	49,036
Baltimore 4/	6	68,676	294,505	319,607	9	365	-	133,178	166,068
Washington	12	32,339	72,595	64,703	-11	100	54	2,789	2,721
Roanoke	4	2,153	3,305	3,902	18	81	-	-	-
Asheville 4/	3	1,938	5,784	5,810	(3)	200	-	2,711	2,887
Winston-Salem	2	6,758	5,077	4,725	-7	-30	-	-	-
Charleston, S. C.	5	898	2,109	1,823	-14	103	-	-	-
Jacksonville	5	4,032	8,045	7,544	-6	87	-	-	-
East South Central									
Louisville	10	23,249	44,930	36,026	-20	55	-	4,468	150
Knoxville	6	2,069	17,294	14,801	-14	615	-	15,070	12,566
Memphis	5	14,728	10,630	10,331	-3	-30	-	-	-
Nashville	3	2,293	6,063	4,938	-19	115	-	-	-
Birmingham	4	34,448	79,374	54,696	-31	59	26,477	5,819	5,299
Mobile	4	643	4,927	4,392	-11	583	-	2,666	2,119
West South Central									
New Orleans	13	34,526	53,496	62,696	17	82	20,067	40,292	50,513
Shreveport 4/	7	3,350	3,172	2,617	-17	-22	-	-	-
Tulsa	2	2,901	20,471	11,629	-43	301	-	-	-
El Paso	3	3,131	6,722	5,327	-21	70	-	-	-
Fort Worth	4	7,863	13,694	14,534	6	85	-	-	-
Houston	6	7,857	14,951	14,662	-2	87	-	-	-
San Antonio	5	2,847	4,627	2,814	-39	-1	-	1,200	-
Mountain and Pacific									
Denver	11	23,765	66,850	64,716	-3	172	-	9,040	8,989
Seattle	10	31,134	204,735	200,831	-2	545	380	-	365
Tacoma	7	13,511	30,716	28,118	-8	108	-	-	-
Portland	7	71,354	143,402	155,219	8	118	43,200	95,571	109,528
Berkeley	7	19,351	34,178	33,736	-1	74	-	979	204
Los Angeles	10	1,239,720	638,207	642,798	1	-48	700,997	30,693	22,800
Oakland	7	152,602	107,734	109,284	1	-28	-	-	-
Sacramento	8	20,508	23,368	26,578	14	30	-	-	-
San Diego	10	50,815	89,751	109,996	23	116	6/ 858	6/ 20,831	6/ 29,564
San Francisco	20	304,570	564,883	628,382	11	106	197,017	267,545	309,201

1/ Figures are not available.
2/ Different from count in previous month's bulletin because one or more agencies functioned during some month in that comparison, but not in any month shown in this tabulation.
3/ Percentage is less than one.
4/ Reports of one or more important agencies are known to be missing.
5/ Amount of wage relief is not separately reported, but is included in total expenditures.
6/ Work relief, administered as an incidental part of the program of one or more agencies, is not included here.

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Cambridge
Somerville

Middle Atlantic
Bayonne
Camden
Jersey City
Paterson
Trenton
Altoona
Reading
Sharon

East North Central
Springfield, Ohio
Youngstown
Cicero
Madison

West North Central
Duluth
Des Moines
Kansas City, Kans.
Topeka

South Atlantic
Richmond
Huntington
Atlanta
Miami

West South Central
Oklahoma City

Mountain and Pacific
Salt Lake City

Changes in City Totals for Outright and Wage Relief

Fifty-three of the 99 cities included in Table 3 reported less expended for relief in June than in May. The largest relative decreases were shown for Tulsa, San Antonio, Birmingham, Kenosha, Pontiac, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, El Paso, and Louisville. In all these cities June expenditures were 20 per cent or more below those reported for the same agencies in May.

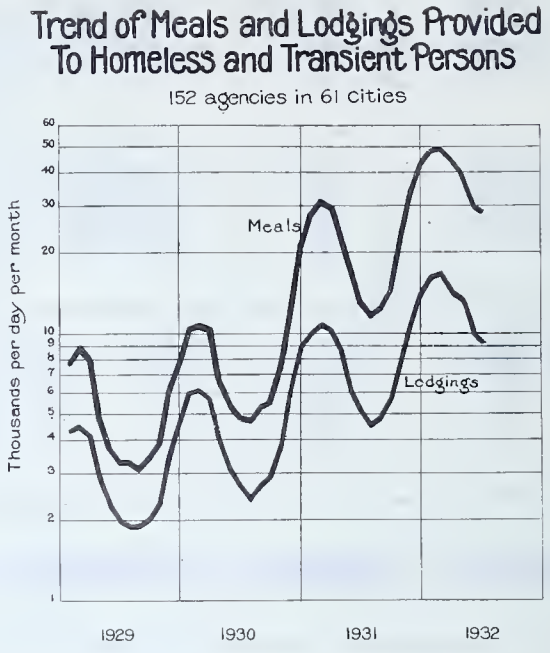
June increases of 20 per cent or more were reported for the following cities: Lawrence, San Diego, Cincinnati, Newton, New Rochelle, Evansville, Flint, and Harrisburg.

The median change for the entire group of cities between May and June was a decrease of 2 per cent.

Between June, 1931, and June, 1932, 91 of the 99 cities reported an increase in total relief expended. In 5 cities the increase was 500 per cent or more; in 6 cities, between 300 and 500 per cent; and in 45 cities, between 100 and 300 per cent. The median change for the entire group was an increase of 110 per cent.

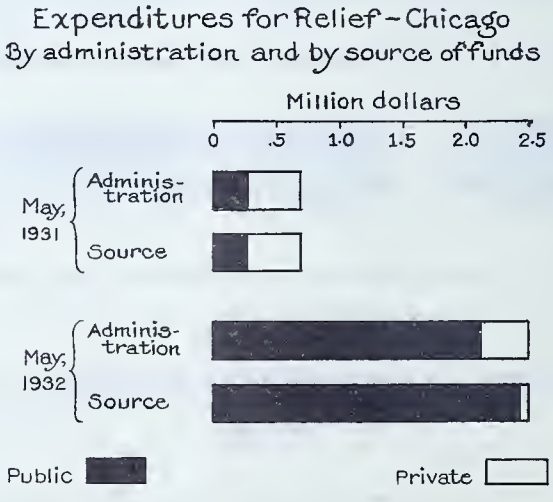
Table 4. - Meals and night's lodgings provided in June, 1932, and comparison with May, 1931, June, 1931, and May, 1932 -- 172 agencies in 65 cities

	Meals		Night's lodgings	
	Total	Daily average	Total	Daily average
Number				
May, 1931	546,402	17,626	192,741	6,217
June, 1931	399,997	13,333	156,779	5,226
May, 1932	937,375	30,238	320,913	10,352
June, 1932	872,600	29,087	279,467	9,316
Per cent increase or decrease				
May to June, 1931	-	-24	-	-16
May to June, 1932	-	-4	-	-10
June, 1931, to June, 1932	-	118	-	78



Slight Reduction in Meals and Lodgings

Following the sharp seasonal decline which began in March, a definite lessening in the rate of decrease in the number of meals and lodgings provided to homeless and transient persons was noticeable in June. The decrease between May and June in both items was relatively less in 1932 than the change reported between May and June in 1931. (See Table 4 and diagram.)



Attention has been called to an error in the continued classification of the Unemployment Relief Service in Chicago as a private agency following transfer to public administration in February, 1932.

Correction of this error reduces the difference between public and private expenditures in May, 1932, when classified by administration and source of funds. The chart illustrating this difference in the May bulletin is reproduced above in revised form. Corrections in recent monthly summaries by administrative agency will be made in a special report on relief expenditures, January to June, 1932, soon to be issued.

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